

Charlie Changes His Evenings

By FRANK H. WILLIAMS

CHARLIE FELTON was pretty well tired of his dull evenings, and was determined upon changing them into a more lively, interesting time. Of course, he was a stranger in Brampton and was rather shy and all that, but he told himself, as he sat in his comfortable boarding house room, that wasn't sufficient reason to keep him forever penned in this room in the evening or taking in a movie or a show all by himself.

Yes, he most certainly was going to change dullness to liveliness. But how?

For several evenings Charlie pondered this problem, which was exceedingly important to him. Finally, about 7:30 o'clock one evening, his face lighted up as an audacious idea came to him. And once the idea had flashed into his mind, he set himself to carry it out.

Carrying out his ideas was comparatively simple. All it commanded was the looking up of the Y. W. O. A. phone number in the local directory and then mustering up enough courage to call up the institution and ask for a girl.

But what girl? Charlie didn't know a single girl in the entire institution. But, he thought he'd like to know a girl by the name of Mary.

So when a feminine voice answered his call for the Y. number, he hesitated only a moment and then said:

"I'd like to speak to Mary," please. Charlie's voice was husky and rather indistinct. That is probably why the girl at the other end of the line misunderstood his last word.

"Mary Davis?" the girl questioned. "Yes!" exclaimed Charlie instantly. There was a delay of a few moments. Then a sweet, clear, strong young feminine voice came to Charlie.

"Hello," said the voice. "Hello," said Charlie, his heart beating considerably faster than usual. "I'm lonesome!"

In very real anxiety Charlie waited for the reply to this. It came, almost instantly. He heard the girl laugh. Then—

"Who is this?" Mary demanded. "Listen," said Charlie, "don't get mad. I want to tell you something."

For just the barest fraction of a minute Charlie felt that Mary was hesitating between ringing off and listening to what he had to say. Finally her curiosity triumphed.

"Go ahead, I'll listen," she said. "I'm a newcomer in this city," said Charlie, "and I don't know any one here except the people I'm working with. I'm getting awfully lonesome for some one to talk to. I wonder if you'd let me call you up every now and then and talk to you?"

"But you don't even know what I look like!" came the girl's voice in something of a gasp.

"You must be wonderful—judging by your voice!" cried Charlie fervently.

"You don't have to pay compliments," laughed the girl. "But—you'd be surprised to see me. And I don't know what you look like."

"I'll tell you," Charlie volunteered. "I'm one inch short of six feet, have curly hair, blue eyes and smoke a pipe."

"Oh," said the girl, noncommittally. "Please, let me call you up," pleaded Charlie.

For quite a long time there was silence. After a while Charlie thought that perhaps Mary had hung up the receiver and he'd not heard her. Then, at last, her voice came to him softly again.

"I'll let you call me up if you'll promise not to try and see me or meet me," said the girl.

"I'll promise," Charlie cried. "You don't know what it means to me just to be able to talk to some girl, even if it's only over the phone. I'll call you up again tomorrow night about this same time."

"All right," said the girl. "Good-by."

"Good-by," said Charlie. All during the next day Charlie waited impatiently for the evening. How differently he viewed this approaching evening from the way in which he had formerly viewed them. Now there was a zest in the day's work and a real joy in the thought of returning to the boarding house.

But when Charlie called up Mary at the appointed hour he was due for a disappointment.

"She isn't here," said the voice at the other end of the wire.

"Do you expect her soon?" queried Charlie, his heart feeling like lead.

"I really don't know. I—"

At this point the voice at the other end of the line stopped suddenly, then as suddenly resumed.

"Here she is now," came the voice. And Charlie's heart began beating furiously.

"Hello," came Mary's voice breathlessly. "I almost didn't get here."

"Hello," said Charlie. "I sure am glad that other girl didn't ring off before you came. If she had rung off I don't believe I'd have called you up again."

"That would have been too bad," said the girl, sincerely. "What's your name?" she asked curiously.

"Say, that would hardly be fair, would it?" said Charlie. "Since I can't come around and see you, it's only fair that you shouldn't know my name, don't you think?"

"I guess that's right," said the girl. "And besides," Charlie laughed, "think how romantic this is!"

"Did you say 'romantic'?" queried the girl, with a laugh in her voice. "You know what I said," declared Charlie, and he laughed, too.

Before Charlie rang off that evening they'd had quite a conversation. And during the following evenings they became so well acquainted—over the telephone—that it was only natural they should want to see each other.

So at last they made an arrangement. Charlie was to come to the Y. W. O. A. the following evening at 7:30 o'clock and look for a girl near the entrance with a red hat and wearing a white carnation. He, too, was to wear a white carnation.

"But be ready for a surprise and—a disappointment," cautioned Mary. "I know I'll not be disappointed," said Charlie, "but you may be."

But Charlie had little fear of Mary being disappointed for he knew that he was a good looking, upstanding fellow of the type that pleases most girls.

Promptly at the appointed time Charlie entered the Y building, his heart actually fluttering. At once he looked around for a girl with a red hat and wearing a white carnation.

But no such was visible. So Charlie, now thinking gloomily of the disappointment he had been cautioned against, found a seat and looked around him glumly. Just opposite him, in a chair near the door, was a beautiful girl with rosy cheeks, bright eyes and a general look of loveliness that caught his attention at once. Now if only Mary could be this girl. But this girl had on a black hat and wore no carnation.

Then, as Charlie was weaving a romance around the girl opposite him, he received a shock. Coming toward the door was a girl wearing a red hat and a white carnation. But such a girl! Poor thing, she couldn't help it. But at the sight of this girl who was so ungainly, so homely, so altogether displeasing, he felt as though all the world had suddenly gone dark and all the joy of life had left him. At first he wanted to turn and run. But then his instinctive good breeding asserted itself. It would never do to play the girl such a trick as that.

So Charlie rose and stopped the girl.

"Pardon me," he said, "you're Miss Mary Davis, aren't you?"

The girl looked at him in surprise. Then a look of understanding came into her eyes.

"No, I'm not!" she answered emphatically. And once more life seemed worth living to Charlie.

"I know how you made the mistake," said the girl. "Mary lent me her hat for this evening and gave me this carnation. She said the carnation was important. I know—she wanted you to think that I am her. But I'm not. There she is!"

The girl turned and pointed directly at the beautiful girl seated near the door who had so fascinated Charlie and whose cheeks were now blushing rosy.

In some way Charlie thanked the girl with the red hat and then rushed to Mary.

"This is wonderful—this is the best luck in the world!" he cried. Mary looked up at him shyly.

"You're not disappointed?" she queried.

"I was—a moment ago," said Charlie. "But now—oh, but I'm glad to meet you!"

For a moment there was silence as he gazed delightedly down at her. "But how about you?" he queried finally. "Are you disappointed? You fixed it up nicely to give yourself a chance to look me over before meeting me. Are you satisfied?"

Mary looked up at him with friendly, honest eyes.

"If I wasn't," she said frankly, "I'd never have stayed here. I'd have gone up to my room and you'd never have met me!"

Charlie smiled joyously. He knew instinctively that his dull evenings had been banished forever.

CROCODILE MADE EASY PREY

Man-Eating Monsters in Borneo Fall Victims to the Simplest Form of Decoy.

Man-eating crocodiles are one of the greatest causes of the high death rate among the natives of Borneo, where they flourish in great numbers and grow to an enormous size, often attaining a length of more than 30 feet. The crocodile hunter of Borneo provides himself with a straight piece of hard wood sharpened at both ends, and a 50-foot line of rattan. The bait, usually a partially decomposed pig, is lashed to the sharpened wood and placed in a place where the crocodile is apt to detect its presence.

When the crocodile swallows the bait and starts to leave the vicinity the stick is pulled into its original position at right angles to the line and the pointed ends bury themselves in his abdominal lining. The next morning the hunter explores the vicinity and discovers the coils of rattan floating on the surface of the water. He then calls in about 20 of his friends, and the monster is pulled ashore, killed and carried to the nearest station of the Dutch government, where the bounty is claimed.

Bright Idea.

Reggie—What do you think of my new football outfit? See how well I'm padded. Why, nothing could hurt me.

Peggie—Don't you think now would be a good time to ask papa?

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON

Post Mills Fair!

One Day Only

Aug. 16, 1922

Grand Parade at 10.00 sharp.

Do not miss it.

Airplane Stunts at 11

All the fancy tricks performed in the air. After this you can ride. Prices have been reduced this year.

Athletic Contests

at 10.30, will be in charge of CAMP KO-KO-SING. There will be prizes and badges for all winners.

Stock Judging will begin at the close of the Parade.

Child Welfare Tent

Will be in charge of Mrs. Harriet Powell. Bring your children and have them examined by an expert, free of charge.

Pulling Contests for both heavy and light HORSES AND OXEN. \$60.00 in Prizes.

Stock Exhibit

With classes for both Registered and Grade Cattle. Every yoke of cattle will receive at least \$1.00, \$200 in cash prizes. All entries must be made before August 12, so we can provide stall room.

P. A. McFarlane and H. E. Heaton in charge of this department.

Floral Hall Exhibit

Will be in charge of C. A. Adams and Mrs. Hattie Simonds.

CAFETERIA LUNCH

the same as last year.

Trap Shooting. Bring your own guns and shoot all you please.

BALL GAME

with the same teams as last year.

This promises to be interesting.

THE STRAFFORD BRASS BAND

will play all day.

The Auction will be one of the features. There will be some RARE BARGAINS.

The Evening Entertainment

will be at Unity Hall August 17.

This will be of the usual high class.

If you had a good time last year, come again and bring your friends.

We have a full day. BE ON TIME!

LEGAL

PROBATE COURTS—Bradford District.
Probate Courts within and for said district will be held the ensuing year as follows:
Bradford—At Town Clerk's Office in Bradford, second Monday of each month. Also at the Probate Office in Wells River on the first and third Monday of every month.
H. T. BALDWIN, Judge.
Wells River, Vt.

ESTATE OF JAMES R. HAYES.
STATE OF VERMONT.
District of Bradford, ss.
The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford.

To all persons interested in the estate of James R. Hayes late of Stratford in said District deceased, Greeting:

At a Probate Court, holden at Wells River within and for said District on the 21st day of July, 1922, an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James R. Hayes late of Stratford in said District, deceased, was presented to the Court aforesaid, for Probate.

And it is ordered by said Court that the 14th day of August 1922 at the Town Clerk's Office in said District be assigned for proving said instrument; and that notice thereof be given to all persons concerned, by publishing this order three weeks successively in the United Opinion, a newspaper circulating in that vicinity, in said District, previous to the time appointed.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place aforesaid, and contest the probate of said will, if you have cause.

Given under my hand at Wells River in said District this 21st day of July, 1922.
46 HAMMON T. BALDWIN, Judge.

ESTATE OF ADELAIDE R. BRENNAN.
The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford, commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Adelaide R. Brennan late of Freetown in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town of Freetown, in said District, on the 16th day of August and 17th day of November, next, from 9:30 o'clock a. m. until 11 o'clock a. m., on each of said days and that all months from the 17th day of July A. D. 1922, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Freetown this 24th day of July, A. D. 1922.
J. E. Andrews,
E. O. Lucas,
Commissioners.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
This is to certify that my wife, Frances Gilbert, having left my bed and board without just provocation, I hereby forbid anyone trusting her on my account, as I will not pay any bills of her contracting from this date.
H. E. Gilbert.
Bradford, Vt., July 22, 1922.
Witness, M. J. Bailey. 45

ESTATE OF FRANK E. SANBORN.
State of Vermont, District of Bradford, ss.
The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford.

To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Frank E. Sanborn, late of Topsham in said District, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, application hath been made to this Court in writing, by the executor Lester F. Sanborn, praying for license and authority to sell all of real estate of said deceased, to wit: the Home farm and back pasture in connection with it, all in the Town of Topsham, representing to said Court that it would be beneficial to the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, to sell said real estate and convert the same into money.

And bringing into Court the consent and approbation in writing, of all the heirs to said estate residing in this State, and setting forth the situation of the real estate.

Whereupon, the said Court appointed and assigned the 7th day of August, 1922, at the Probate Office in Wells River in said District, to hear and decide upon said application and petition, and ordered public notice thereof to be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing said decree together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively in the United Opinion, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, all of which publications shall be previous to the day assigned for hearing.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place assigned, then and there in said Court to make your objections to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

Given under my hand at Wells River in said District, this 18th day of July, 1922.
44 HAMMON T. BALDWIN, Judge.

ESTATE OF DANA BRAGG.
STATE OF VERMONT.
District of Bradford, ss.
The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford.

To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Dana Bragg late of Theford in said District, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, application hath been made to this Court, in writing, by the administrator C. A. Adams, praying for license and authority to sell a part of real estate of said deceased, to wit: a portion of the Home Farm bordering on Fairlee Lake, representing to said Court that it would be beneficial to the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, to sell said real estate and convert the same into money.

And bringing into Court the consent and approbation in writing, of all the heirs to said estate residing in this State, and setting forth the situation of the real estate.

Whereupon, the said Court appointed and assigned the 7th day of August, 1922, at the Probate Office in Wells River in said District, to hear and decide upon said application and petition, and ordered public notice thereof to be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing said order, together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively in the United Opinion, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, all of which publications shall be previous to the day assigned for hearing.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place assigned, then and there in said Court to make your objections to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

Given Under My Hand at Wells River in said District, this 18th day of July, 1922.
44 HAMMON T. BALDWIN, Judge.

ESTATE OF BERNAL F. CILLEY.
STATE OF VERMONT.
District of Bradford, ss.
The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bradford.

To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Bernal F. Cilley, late of Topsham in said District, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, application hath been made to this Court in writing, by the administrator E. M. White, praying for license and authority to sell all of real estate of said deceased, to wit: The Home farm and so-called Keyes and McDuffee places being all the real estate owned by the deceased in the Towns of Topsham and Orange, representing to said Court that it would be beneficial to the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, to sell said real estate and convert the same into money.

And bringing into Court the consent and approbation in writing, of all the heirs to said estate residing in this State, and setting forth the situation of the real estate.

Whereupon, the said Court appointed and assigned the 15th day of August, 1922, at the Probate Office in Wells River in said District, to hear and decide upon said application and petition, and ordered public notice thereof to be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing said order, together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively in the United Opinion, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, all of which publications shall be previous to the day assigned for hearing.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place assigned, then and there in said Court to make your objections to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

Given Under My Hand at Wells River in said District, this 18th day of July, 1922.
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And bringing into Court the consent and approbation in writing, of all the heirs to said estate residing in this State, and setting forth the situation of the real estate.

Whereupon, the said Court appointed and assigned the 15th day of August, 1922, at the Probate Office in Wells River in said District, to hear and decide upon said application and petition, and ordered public notice thereof to be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing said order, together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively in the United Opinion, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, all of which publications shall be previous to the day assigned for hearing.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place assigned, then and there in said Court to make your objections to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

Given under my hand at Wells River in said District, this 18th day of July, 1922.
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